

**Morris County Heritage Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**May 9, 2023**

**Present:** Chair Kathy Murphy, Vice Chair Larry Fast, and Secretary Martha Wells; HC Commissioners Carol Barkin, John Dunado, Marty Kane, Joe Macasek; Director Amanda Hefferan and History Program Development Specialist Nick Palatucci

**Absent/Excused:** Treasurer Epsey Farrell, HC Commissioner Tom Ferguson

**Call to Order:** Chair Murphy called the meeting to order at the Morris County Library and via WebEx at 9:36 a.m. and referenced the Open Public Meeting Statement.

**Minutes:** A motion was made and seconded to accept the April 2023 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

**Financial Report:** Money has been spent on Special Projects and historic marker maintenance. Income has come in from the purchase of books by Eastern National, including *Colonial and Revolutionary Morris County* and *Morris County Historic Sites*.

**Chair's Report:** Chair Murphy brought forward the idea that HC should consider applying for a larger amount of funds for next CHPP Re-grant round. There were additional applications requesting full amounts this year. She suggests planning a virtual workshop for expanding the applicant pool.

**County Commissioner's Report:** None

**Director's/Archive Collection Report:** Director Hefferan reported that the staff has been focused on re-grants and the newsletter. The staff met with Grow It Green Morristown to discuss future projects and historical perspective to educational programs. Markers for the Charlotteburg Forge, Phoenix House, and two entrance markers will be picked up by the Road Department soon.

**Program Development Report:** History Program Development Specialist Palatucci reported that the 2023 re-grant applications have been reviewed, awarded, and distributed to grantees. This year there were a majority of GOS requests. This year the amount requested was \$62,473.00 with a re-grant amount of \$51,000.00 available.

### **Subcommittee Reports:**

- **Archives:** none
- **Grants/Re-Grants:** On May 3, a meeting was held with our three outside reviewers and HC committee members to finalize the re-grant awards. The majority of requests were for GOS grants for general operating support, possibly a result of the pandemic.
- **Long-Range Plan:** none
- **Marker Program:** There is a need for a decision about the marker for the Peter Cook House. The marker repair list will be updated and sent out to the painter.
- **Personnel:** None
- **Public Programs/Exhibits:** none
- **Publications:** The newsletter has been sent to the publisher. Peg Shultz may have an article for the next newsletter.

**Communications:** Newsletter was received from the League of Historical Societies of New Jersey.

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:** none

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned without objection at 10:06.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. in the conference room of the Morris County Library.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Martha Wells  
Secretary**